

## Radio Alert Week of April 20

## LOCAL WATER QUALITY, AVAILABILITY AT ISSUE

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests, has released three potential solutions to the environmental and water management problems of California's Bay Delta system. California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. Ultimately, California's trillion-dollar economy is at risk if a consensus solution to Bay-Delta problems is not reached.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- → Will there be an impact on local water quality?
- → How will water supply reliability be affected?
- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

A public hearing will be held Tuesday, April 21, at the Ontario Holiday Inn to hear from local residents. The following individuals are available for interviews during the weeks prior to the hearing.

Timothy Quinn, General Manager Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

E.Z. Burts, President L.A. Chamber of Commerce Member, Bay-Delta Advisory Council

To arrange an interview, please call Jill Esterbrooks at (619) 688-0054.

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California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service